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This Amendment and Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003 and mailed December 30, 2003. Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the application as amended herein.

In the claims:

Kindly amend claims 1, 7, 13 and 14 and as shown in the Claim Amendments section beginning at page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks:

A Remarks section appears on page 6 of this amendment.